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SUBJECT: DISCUSSION WITH PRIME MINISTER WILLIAMS

AND DELIVERY OF MESSAGES FROM US GOVT LEADERS.

1. I MET TODAY PRIVATELY WITH GOTT PRIME MINISTER DR. ERIC WILLIAMS FOR FORTY MINUTES TO DELIVER PERSONAL MESSAGES FROM PRESIDENT AND OTHERS AND TO TALK WITH HIM ABOUT HIS LATEST EXTENDED FOREIGN TRAVELS FROM WHICH HE RETURNED LAST WEEK (JULY 22). SEPTELS COVER FOLLOWING TOPICS:

A. PROPOSED SPECIAL MULTI-GOVERNMENTAL LAW OF THE SEA REGIME FOR THE CARIBBEAN.

B. VISIT TO MOSCOW AND SOVIET ATTITUDES TOWARD RACE.

C. VISIT TO ROMANIA.

D. SECRETARY KISSINGER'S JULY 15 MILWAUKEE SPEECH, UNGA, AND ARAB MOVE TO SUSPEND ISRAEL.

2. DURING COVERSATION, THE FOLLOWING COMMUNICATIONS FROM U.S. OFFICIALS WERE DELIVERED TO DR. WILLIAMS;

A. PRESIDENT'S LETTER OF JUNE 10 RE USG REPRESENTATION AT ECLA CONFERENCE IN PORT OF SPAIN.

B. ASST. SECRETARY WILLIAM ROGERS' LETTER OF JULY 11.

C. THREE AUTOGRAPHED VOLUMES ON AMERICAN HISTORY BY DR. BOORSTIN.

D. SEALED LETTER FROM LIBRARIAN OF CONGRESS DR. BOORSTIN.

E. AUTOGRAPHED PHOTOGRAPH OF DEPUTY SECRETARY AND OTHERS AT OFFICIAL LUNCHEON FOR DR. WILLIAMS HELD
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IN STATE DEPT. DIPLOMATIC DINING ROOM JUNE 26

(FRAMED BY EMBASSY BEFORE DELIVERY), AND SUPPLEMENTAL PHOTOGRAPH PROVIDED BY USIA.

39 DR. WILLIAMS WAS WARM IN PRAISE OF HIS JUNE 26 CONVERSATION WITH SECRETARY AND LUNCHEON WITH DEPT. OFFICIALS. HE ESPECIALLY APPRECIATED OPPORTUNITY TO BECOME ACQUAINTED WITH LIBRARIAN OF CONGRESS DR. BOORSTIN, TO WHOM HE WILL BE WRITING SEPARATELY.

4. PRIME MINISTER WAS IN JOVIAL MOOD, ALTHOUGH HE GESTURED DESPAIRINGLY AT TRULY MOUNTAINOUS PILE OF DOCUMENTS ON HIS DESK WHICH HE SAID HE HAD NOT EVEN TOUCHED SINCE HIS RETURN IN VIEW OF ALMOST NON-STOP CABINET MEETINGS REGARDING EFFORTS TO DEAL WITH EDUCATIONAL ISSUES WHICH HAD COME TO BOIL DURING HIS ABSENCE. PROBLEM IS INADEQUATE NUMBER OF OPENINGS IN SEPTEMBER IN SENIOR SECONDARY SCHOOLS FOR FIRST SET OF GRADUATES FROM NEW SYSTEM OF JUNIOR SECONDARY SCHOOLS BEGUN FEW YEARS AGO TO SUPPLEMENT COMPREHENSIVE SECONDARY SCHOOLS. I FELT FORTUNATE TO BE RECEIVED BY HIM ONLY ONE WEEK AFTER HIS RETURN TO THE COUNTRY, FOR THERE HAD BEEN TIME ONLY FOR BRIEF AMENITIES AT AIRPORT ARRIVAL JULY 22.

5. SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSION REPORTED IN SEPTELS.
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